

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allocation of gas have been made for Surat City. In view of the present availability and commitments of gas, it has not been possible to allocate gas for Ahmedabad City and Valia.

[*Translation*]

DEVELOPMENT OF SANCHI FOR TOURISM

*211. **SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPEE :** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to develop Sanchi and its adjacent areas to encourage foreign tourists there ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : Development of tourism infrastructure in the State is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central Government extends financial assistance to State Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them, availability of funds and inter-state priorities. The Ministry of Tourism have sanctioned Rs. 08.32 lakhs for the construction of a Cafeteria at Sanchi to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

JAPANESE ASSISTANCE TO LINK BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE CENTRES

*212. **SHRI MOHAN SINGH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to link all the Buddhist Pilgrimage Centres by railway lines with Japanese assistance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Foreign assistance likely to be received in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

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(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

GAS FLARING PROJECT

*213. **DR. A. K. PATEL :**

SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission had initiated a proposal for setting up of a flaring project to be financed by the Asian Development Bank;

(b) if so, the total cost of the project and when it was submitted to the Government;

(c) whether the project has since been cleared;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) at what stage the project rests at present and the estimated time schedule of the work ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (e) The Gas Flaring Reduction Project of ONGC estimated to cost US \$ 2878.40 million has been posed to the Asian Development Bank for cofinancing along with World Bank.

Two major components of the project have been approved by Government. Feasibility Reports of three components were received recently and are being processed. The project is expected to be completed by 1994.

MANAGEMENT OF ITDC HOTELS

*214. **SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD :**

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have again revived the proposal to abandon ITDC